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Letter dated 10 May 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On Wednesday, 9 May 2018, Israel carried out a heinous attack against the Kiswah area of Rif Dimashq governorate. At dawn, on Thursday, 10 May 2018, Israel committed another aggression against Syrian territory when it fired dozens of missiles at the Syrian capital, Damascus, and several governorates. Although Syrian air defence forces brought down most of the missiles, a number of civilians were nonetheless killed and injured in those attacks.

Those fresh Israel aggressions are part of the ongoing attacks that are being directed against the Syrian Arab Republic. The frequency of the acts of aggression committed by Israel has increased after the heinous tripartite attack that the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France carried out against the Syrian Arab Republic on 14 April 2018.

This latest aggression comes on the heels of the failure of Israel to protect and prevent the collapse of its proxy terrorist groups, which have failed to carry out the conspiracy to undermine the sovereignty and the territorial unity and integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Israel would not continue with its dangerous and hostile conduct were it not for the limitless and ongoing support that it receives from the Government of the United States of America, and the immunity from accountability that the United States, in coordination with the United Kingdom and France, provides Israel in the Security Council. That support and the immunity from accountability that Israel enjoys enable it to continue to practice terrorism and threaten regional and international peace and security.

The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that its armed forces are ready and it has the right to repulse in a responsible and decisive manner any attack against its sovereignty and independence. Any efforts to support the crumbling terrorists is futile, because such brazen attacks will not prevent further progress from being made in the fight against terrorism throughout the territory of Syria.

The response of our armed forces to the latest Israeli aggression has taught the Israelis that the Syrian Arab Republic is determined to fulfil its sacred duty to defend the nation, protect its citizens and eradicate terrorism, regardless of its names, forms or manifestations, in the Syrian Arab Republic.

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The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security. The Council must take resolute and immediate action to prevent the recurrence of Israeli aggression, and to hold Israel accountable for the acts of terrorism and crimes that it has committed against the Syrian people and for its ongoing support for terrorist organizations. Such conduct is in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and Security Council resolutions concerning counter-terrorism, in particular resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 350 (1974) and 497 (1981), all of which reaffirm the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic over its entire territory and call upon Israel to withdraw immediately and completely from the territories it occupies.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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